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# IOM Bangladesh: Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis Response

## EXTERNAL UPDATE

27 April - 3 May 2018

**687,000**

New Rohingya arrivals  
since 25 August 2017 in Cox's Bazar

**905,418**

Rohingya Population in Cox's Bazar

**1.3 Million**

People in Need in Cox's Bazar



Construction of drainage on Pan Bazar Extension Road in Camp 8W @IOM 2018

## Key Features

- ◆ A Training of Trainers has been conducted for 35 Site Management field staff on Basic First Aid. These trained field staffs will conduct training for safety committees at the Camp level.
- ◆ The Shelter/NFI unit is conducting random monitoring of shelter upgrades in Kutupalong-Balukhali Expansion (KBE) to assess the effectiveness of technical guidance and follow-up following recent high winds in the region.
- ◆ Cash for Work is continuing in support of quick impact projects that have been jointly identified by the Para Development Committees (PDCs) in Shamlapur. 65% of the workers have been coming from the host community in this reporting week.
- ◆ The Protection team is raising awareness and educating community leaders and members on Counter-trafficking related risks and prevention. During the reporting week 37 Majhees, Para Development Committee members, parents, and host community members were sensitized informally and informed of IOM's CT activities.

## Situation Overview

Since 25 August 2017, an estimated 687,000 Rohingya have crossed into Bangladesh fleeing violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State, increasing the total Rohingya population in Cox's Bazar to over 898,300. New arrivals are living in spontaneous settlements with an increasing need of humanitarian assistance—including shelter, food, clean water, and sanitation.

Additionally, with the rainy season fast approaching, there is an urgent need to continue strengthening preparedness measures and raise awareness among the refugee population regarding potential landslide and flood risks.

In order to respond to these risks collectively and comprehensively, IOM continues to work closely with the Government of Bangladesh and the humanitarian community. IOM and its partners continue to scale up operations to respond to the needs of new arrivals, existing Rohingya, and affected host communities.

## Funding received to date for March to December 2018

**\$182.1 M**

**FUNDS NEEDED**

**\$140.2 M**

**FUNDS SECURED**

**\$41.9 M**

## Voices of Refugees

In the past six months more than 687,000 Rohingya refugees escaped violence in Myanmar by fleeing into Bangladesh. IOM, other agencies and the Bangladesh authorities support them on the ground.

However it is the refugees' own resilience that shines through when they share their stories of life in the world's biggest refugee camp.

### Mohammad

How do you cope with a diagnosis of suspect cancer when you are a refugee unable to pay for medical care?... Discover Mohammad's story [here](#).



## IOM Response



### Monsoon Preparation

As Bangladesh's annual wet season approaches, IOM is also working to secure infrastructure and strengthen preparedness measures.

**29,638** families have received Upgrade Shelter Kits (USKs)

**40,400** households have received community training on shelter upgrade and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

**9,600** refugees have provided feedback that is being analysed to prepare messages for the monsoon season

**1,400** community mobilisers are conducting a door to door awareness campaign on preparedness measures for the monsoon season

**30** field staff trained on cyclone season message delivery

**650** refugees and local community members are being trained in first aid, search & rescue and fire safety via partnerships with the Bangladeshi Fire Service & Civil Defence (FSCD), American Red Cross and Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP)

**5** mobile medical teams are being trained to provide primary lifesaving health care services to displaced populations during the monsoon season

**20,000** Acute Watery Diarrhea Kits, **9.8** million Aquatabs and **180,000** hygiene top up kits are prepositioned and being distributed as WASH common pipeline.

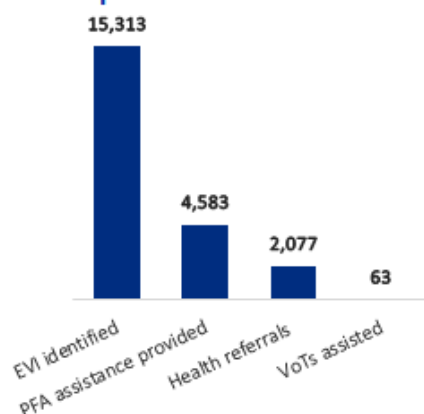
### "Living on the Edge"

Click [here](#) to watch IOM short video on the monsoon preparation.



## Protection

### Individuals assisted by protection activities



In Cox's Bazar, IOM is responding to Gender Based Violence (GBV), Child Protection (CP), Counter Trafficking (CT), and general protection issues.

This week, 14 people received Psychological First Aid (PFA) by trained case workers and 24 health referrals were made. In regards to CT activities, four new Victim of trafficking (VoTs) was identified and assisted as well as three VoTs that received assistance through follow-ups. The Protection team assisted the relocation of 65 households from Camps 9, 10 and 11 to Camp 20. 21 households from Camp 10 were relocated to Camp 20 including 115 individuals. All relocations were of households from areas deemed at high risk of flooding and landslides.

Considering the vulnerability of the Rohingya population to trafficking and exploitation, the CT team is raising awareness and educating community leaders and members of the community on CT related risks and prevention. During the reporting week 37 Majhees, Para Development Committee members, parents, and host community members were sensitized informally and informed of IOM's CT activities.

## Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction

**21,400** beneficiaries have received micro-gardening kits since March 2018 (18,000 Rohingya refugees and 3,400 host community members)



Watering vegetable with FAO provided hand tools @IOM 2018

The REM Unit is currently working on a livelihoods and social cohesion project jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) that aims to improve food and nutrition security to host community and refugee populations in Cox's Bazar. As of April 25, 18,000 Rohingya refugees and 680 host communities household received micro gardening kits and food storage drums. The kits include vegetable seeds, spades, watering cans, ropes, vermicomposting and silos to help the beneficiaries increase food security for their households. In total, 25,000 refugee households were selected to receive micro-gardening kits and another 25,000 kit recipients have been selected in the host community through Community Agriculture Rehabilitation and Implementation Committees, using level of vulnerability as a criteria for the final selection.

Additionally, 30 power tillers have been distributed this week to targeted farmers in Ukhia Upazila and another 20 will be delivered next week in Teknaf. To date, a total of 1,600 farmers as part of 74 farmers groups have been supported with agriculture training and tools in both Ukhia and Teknaf Upazilas. Training on Commercial High Value Crop Production Techniques is currently ongoing targeting 4 farmers' groups consisting of 80 farmers each.

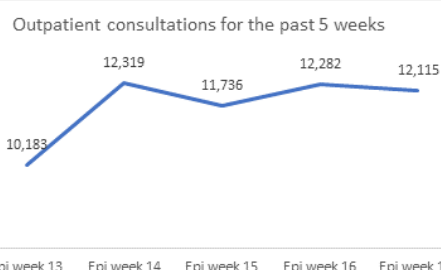
Additionally, an agreement was formed with the Bangladesh Tropical Forest Conservation Foundation also known as the Arannayk Foundation in an attempt to start reforestation. Nine nurseries were established in Cox's Bazar district; with grass and shrubs to be planted in May and June 2018. IOM ,through FAO, is also currently conducting and Irrigation infrastructure assessments and a Market Study & Supply Analysis in both Ukhia and Teknaf Upazilas.

Finally, IOM completed community consultations and a needs assessment for emergency preparedness prior to the monsoon season in both Teknaf and Ukhia Upazila. Data validation and selection of priority infrastructure rehabilitation/enhancement is ongoing. Rehabilitation/enhancement work expected to start mid-May 2018.

## Health

**343,959** consultations held  
since August 2017

**6,371** patients have been triaged for  
suspected diphtheria since December 2017



This week, 12,115 consultations took place in IOM health centers and IOM supported Government facilities. In terms of Mental Health and Psychosocial Services (MHPSS), IOM provided specialised psychological support (individual consultations) and/or case management services to 63 people this week.

This week, over 742 Antenatal Care (ANC) sessions were conducted within IOM and IOM supported government facilities, in addition to 37 deliveries and 119 Post-Natal Care (PNC) sessions.

A Training of Trainers has been conducted for 35 Site Management field staff (in 2 batches) on Basic First Aid, with the view that these trained field staffs will conduct similar training for safety committees at the Camp level.

All Medical Officers/Facility Team Leaders received an orientation on to the changes in referral mechanism for patients in need of higher level of medical care. It was decided that all possibly manageable cases will be referred to locally available health facilities of other agencies like Turkish field hospital, Malaysian hospital, IFRC, MSF, etc.

The two Oral Rehydration Points (ORP) at Kutupalong Primary Healthcare Centre and Leda PHCC have been functionalized.

## Shelter/Non Food Items (NFIs)

IOM is coordinating the Shelter/NFI Sector

**29,638** households have received Upgrade  
Shelter Kits (USKs) since February 2018

**40,000** households reached through  
shelter upgrade and Disaster Risk Reduction  
(DRR) orientation since February 2018

**2,045** extremely vulnerable households  
supported with material transportation and  
shelter construction since February 2018,  
engaging **6,774** Cash-for-Work labourers

During the reporting period, IOM distributed 2,166 Upgrade Shelter Kits (USKs) in Camps 9, 10, and 18 of Kutupalong-Balukhali Expansion (KBE) Site as well as Leda, Shamlapur, and Unchiprang.

In preparation for expected monsoon response, and in collaboration with the Site Management team, the Shelter/NFI team has established rapid response mechanisms including propositioning of key relief items in four strategic locations as well as the development of a rapid assessment mechanism.

During the reporting period, 770 Rohingya refugees were engaged in Cash-for-Work (CfW) activities to transport USKs and construct shelter for 341 extremely vulnerable Rohingya households.

The Shelter/NFI team conducted assessments of 12 communal facilities in Camp 19. A Total 60 buildings were assessed in 5 camps for physical reinforcement works.

After the rain and strong winds over the past week, three engineering teams were deployed to the affected communities to investigate any damages. Initial findings and photos show that shelters who applied the Upgrade Shelter Kits had less damages compared to those yet to be upgraded.



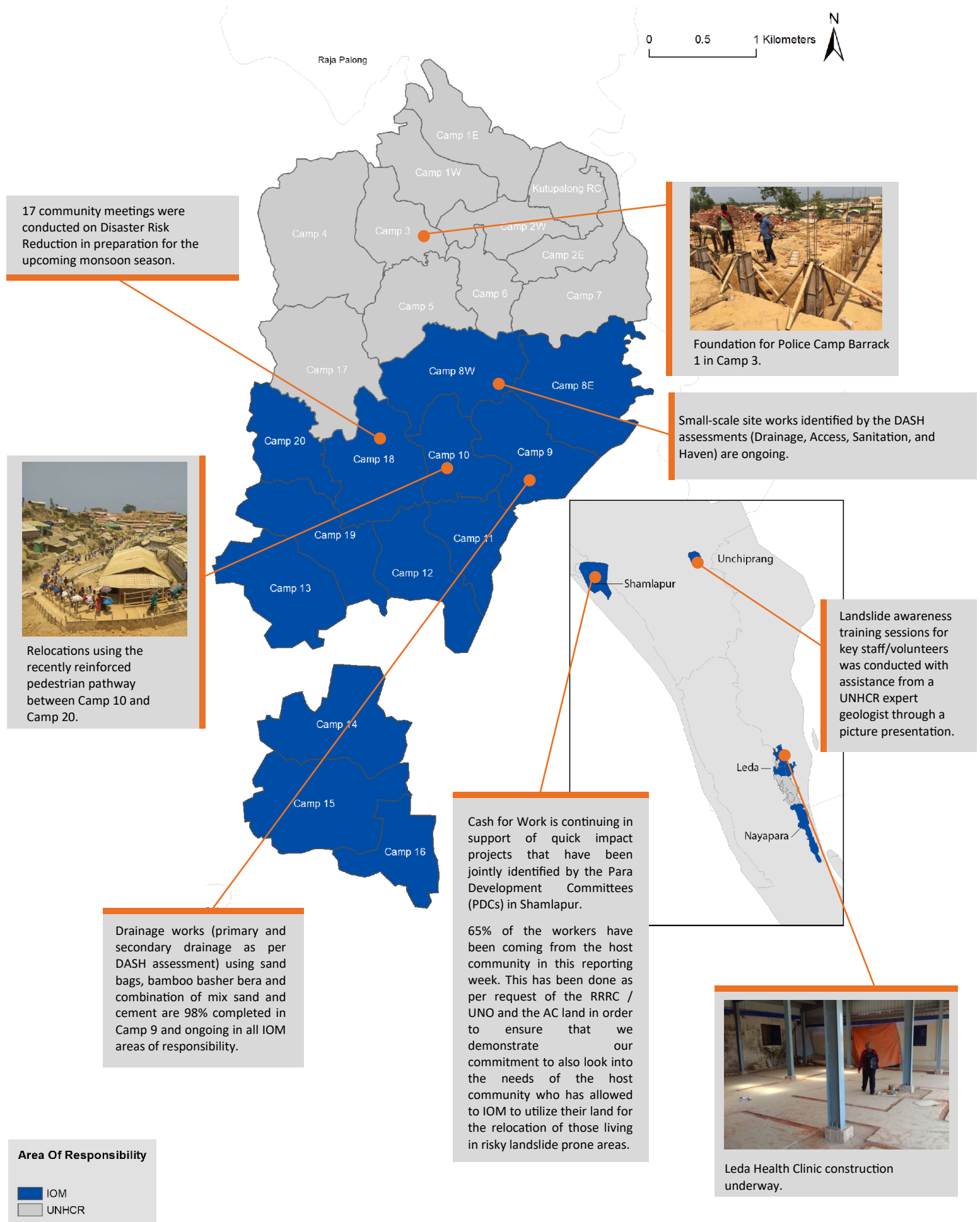
IOM Shelter Team assessing shelter damages after the strong wind on 30 April 2018. Many families have already started repairing shelters with available materials.

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## Site Management & Site Development

IOM is coordinating the Site Management and Site Development Sector





## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

**233** Deep Tube Wells (DTWs) completed  
since August 2017

**2,480** emergency latrines & mobile toilets  
constructed since August 2017

**546** wash rooms constructed  
since August 2017

**31,294** hygiene kits distributed  
since August 2017

IOM has established a WASH common pipeline with supplies including 360,000 top up hygiene kits and 73,000,000 Aquatabs. Each hygiene top up kit includes bathing soaps, laundry soaps, pairs of sandals for adults and children, and toothpaste as well as toothbrushes for adults and children. IOM continues to reach out to additional partners to join the WASH common pipeline and encourage existing partners to request, collect and distribute hygiene top-up kits to beneficiaries. A total of 41,014 Hygiene top-up kits have been distributed through 6 partners; BRAC, DSK, ANONDO, BGS, FRIENDSHIP and SHED; reaching 205,070 beneficiaries.

The construction and installation of 91 Deep Tube Wells DTWs is ongoing in Balukhali-Kutupalong Extension Site (KBE) and in host villages Chapotkhali, Dhakkin Pannasia, and Tolatoli. The 233 DTWs completed to date are currently serving 116,500 beneficiaries.

194 wash rooms have been constructed to date in Camps 12, 17, 18, 20, 1E, 1W, 2W and the Hindupara host community. The construction of an additional 50 wash rooms is ongoing in Camp 18 and Shamlapur makeshift settlement.

IOM's water supply project in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Bangladesh Department of Public Health Engineering (PDHE) is ongoing. The borehole drilling has been completed at a depth of 402m. Borehole development and Pump testing is being planned to be carried out.

A Post Distribution Monitoring survey for distributed hygiene top-up-kits has been completed in Leda Makeshift Settlement, and a similar exercise has been initiated in Shamlapur and other areas.



Reinforced Concrete Box Culverts under construction on Ukhi-Balukhali (Army) Road to mitigate potential flood and landslides risks in preparation for the upcoming monsoon season, © IOM Site Development 2018



## Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG)

IOM is hosting the sector based coordination structure for the Rohingya

The Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), hosted by IOM, is coordinating the overall Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis Response. ISCG facilitates timely, coordinated, needs-based, and evidence-driven Humanitarian assistance for efficient use of resources and to avoid duplication, while producing regular Situation [Reports](#) and [4W maps and data](#). Over the past week, the ISCG met to discuss the harmonization of Cash for Work rates for both Rohingya refugees and Bangladeshi host communities amongst all partners. To date, rates for casual and unskilled labour have been agreed upon, and discussions will continue on sector-wide rates for semi-skilled and skilled labourers this week.

## IOM in the news



### IOM Rolls Out First Aid Training for Rohingya Refugees, But Lack of Funding Threatens Medical Services in Bangladesh Camps

IOM (05 May 2018)

As heavy rains again lashed Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar this week, UN Migration Agency medical staff helped others to gear up for monsoon and cyclone emergencies with the launch of a first aid training program designed to reach hundreds of safety volunteers.

Click [here](#) to read the full article.

## Resources

### Needs and Population Monitoring (NPM) Round 10 baseline survey:

IOM Bangladesh NPM released this week its latest [Round 10 Site Assessment baseline survey](#), covering the 1 to 17 April 2018.

- ◆ Round 10 includes the latest [majhee blocks mapping](#) that covers over 1750 locations where the majhee system is currently in place.
- ◆ [NPM Bangladesh has produced a number of tools based on its regular data collection activities and drone flights](#). Including:
  - ◆ SW Map package: for mobile use, this enables users to visualize the site maps and boundaries on their own mobile. Together with the relevant files, users can also find a manual showing step by step how to copy files from their own computer to SW Map running on another portable device.
  - ◆ KMZ file: for desktop use, this enables users to visualize the site maps and boundaries on Google Earth. By adding or removing layers, it is possible to visualize each location assessed by NPM Baseline 10. These files are available on HDX.
- ◆ Additionally, NPM will be supporting the ISCG and Site Management Sector to conduct all emergency assessments throughout the rain season.

### NPM and ACAPS Analysis Hub recent reports

- ◆ [Pre-Monsoon Review](#)
- ◆ [Cyclone Background](#)
- ◆ [Lessons Learned about the Impact of Cyclones](#)

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